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Notes

As the Summer is concluded, The MMM report Staff and I feel very blessed. Victory against Mike Rola the evil prosecutor in Otsego County that decided to disregard the local ordinance and declare war on the patients and caregivers in Gaylord, Michigan is almost complete. Captain Kirk won First Place at the Genesee County *High Times* Cup. A super great success at the Clio Cultivators Birthday Party. "It's All Good" by John Sinclair is getting great reviews. Things are all good.

Well Folks, I am pleased to announce that I have a new baby on the way and am getting married in October to the love of my life. I'm looking for a new editor for the magazine to take over for me so I can focus on my family. I will always be a part of the *MMM Report*, but shucks its time for someone to take the reigns.

Many don't like when we give the hard truth about corruption and scandal amongst fellow activists. There is no other publication that is dedicated to giving you the straight dope about medical marijuana and cannabis law reform. No matter who the new editor is that will never change. If you know someone that has the passion and skills needed for the job please share this friendly note with them.

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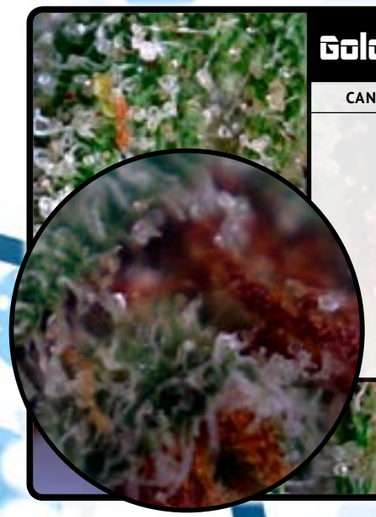

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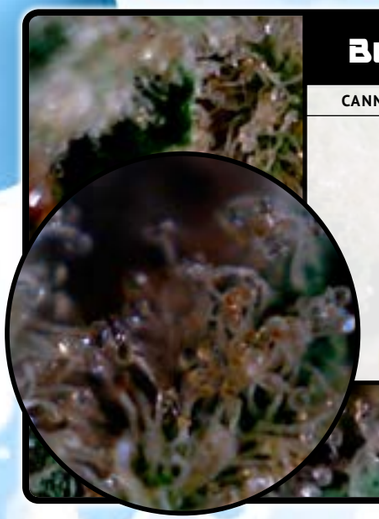

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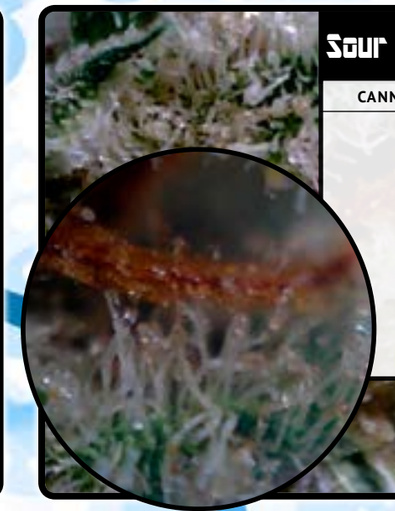

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Michigan News

by Rachel Bunting

MMMP Fees Pay Police

DETROIT: According to the *Detroit Free Press*, many patients and marijuana advocates were surprised to learn the fees they paid to obtain their medical marijuana card are being used to pay the police that have been raiding them. The fees are meant to oversee and enforce the medical marijuana program. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) had so much money built up from the fees that it distributed $1.2 million to 18 county sheriffs. Oakland County's Sheriff received $323,725. The sheriff plans to use the money for 28 "raid-style" bulletproof vests, a van, pickup truck, and trailer to transport seized marijuana, training investigators, and overtime pay for medical marijuana investigators. The sheriffs are expected to use the grant for training and the enforcement of the MMA.

Many medical marijuana patients feel their own money is being used against them, to harass the sick that choose to use this medication. Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard feels that the grants are there to prosecute anyone who is not following the law as it is written and believes dispensary operators are a "serious threat to society". Bouchard is adamant to remove all the dispensaries in his county and cites a recent shooting at a dispensary chain believed to have happened due to a rivalry between dispensaries as proof that the facilities are putting "law abiding citizens at risk". The grants awarded by LARA are expected to grow next year as the medical-marijuana fund now has $31 million. Michigan is one of the only states to have medical marijuana legalized but does not allow dispensaries. Many of those involved with law enforcement feel that law-abiding medical patients have nothing to fear as the officers try to focus on illegal dispensaries dealing more than just legal medicine.

Kent County Home Raided

ROCKFORD: Police found nearly 80 plants growing as well as 16 pounds of processed marijuana after raiding the home and property of a Kent County couple on Scram Lake. Alison Marie Blanchette and Stephen Louis Ruth will be charged with delivery/manufacture of 5 to 45 kilos of marijuana which carries up to seven years in prison normally but could be more as the couple has prior convictions in Florida. The couple's prior convictions were felonies which makes the seven loaded firearms police took from the home illegal weapons. According to the *Detroit Free Press*, the couple are among "at least four people prosecuted in Kent Count this year for delivery/manufacture of between 5 and 45 kilos of marijuana."

A Truck Load of Weed

TRAVERSE CITY: Michigan State Police needed a large road commission truck after searching two properties in Homestead Township. The Traverse Narcotics Team detectives, Benzie County sheriff's deputies, MSP troopers, and Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement detectives were all involved in the raid. Officers believe they gathered about 350 plants in all and were high quality plants that required a machete to harvest. Three men were arrested on suspicion of violating the MMMA. There were nine people on the properties when officers arrived, and while only three were arrested. Authorities expect to request warrants for the six not arrested.

LEGALIZE

MI Legalize Still Fighting

LANSING: MI Legalize suffered yet another setback this month when the Michigan Court of Claims ruled the petition campaign did not submit enough valid signatures. The group submitted 354,000 signatures, though only 252,000 are required, but the court found that more than 200,000 of those submitted were collected over 180 days before the petition was turned in. The lawsuit filed by MI Legalize states the 180 day requirement is "unconstitutional and unfair", according to the *Detroit Free Press*. Jeff Hank, a lawyer and chairman of MI Legalize, stated, "We're disappointed but we always figured this would go to the state Supreme Court, and that's where we're headed." In order to get the measure, which would legalize recreational marijuana use to be taxed and regulated like alcohol on the ballot, the Supreme Court would have to "override deadlines for printing and distributing absentee ballots" and get a "favorable" ruling from the court. If the group fails in the Michigan Supreme Court they can take their case to the US Supreme Court.

Dr. Greenbuds Arrested in Ohio

YPSILANTI: Matthew Gross, a 28 year old man from Ypsilanti, was arrested and booked into the Richland County Jail in Ohio late last month. Gross is believed to be the man who handed out, and tossed into the crowd, marijuana laced candy which caused two dozen people to overdose at the EST Music Festival. He will most likely face felony charges of drug trafficking and possessing drug paraphernalia. The candy, as reported by *Cleveland News*, was packaged in 100 milligram packets of medibles called Nerd Ropes.

None of those who overdosed lost consciousness or died, but were all treated at a local hospital before being released. When Gross was apprehended he was found to have a bag with the packets inside as well as a "marijuana-smoking device". Once at the jail, Gross was searched and found to have a baggie with around 6 grams of marijuana in his jeans. Gross is a Michigan medical marijuana card holder and is believed to have brought the packets across state lines to spread the brand name. He is being held on a $50,000 bond.

Supreme Court Drops Case

CENTERVILLE: The Michigan Supreme Court dropped interest in a case concerning a marijuana bust and police tactics in St. Joseph County. The case questioned whether deputies were in the right when they walked to the rear of a home, after already knocking on the front door with no answer, and became suspicious there was marijuana in the house. The officers came back with a warrant and searched the home. The attorney for the homeowner is arguing that the warrant was improper as the officers did not have reason to keep looking around after there was no answer at the front door. While two other courts agreed with the deputies, the Supreme Court dropped the case. According to the *Detroit Free Press*, three justices stated that the lower courts need guidance.

Clones Are Plants Too

LANSING: The Michigan Court of Appeals has decided that if a marijuana clone has a root structure with leaves that are green and alive it constitutes a plant. This decision come after Lorenzo Enrique Ventura, a medical marijuana patient, had his home raided and was found to have 21 marijuana plants and 22 marijuana "clones", causing him to be in trouble for having 19 plants over the legal limit. Ventura argued the clones were just "leaves and cuttings", which resemble nothing close to a mature plant. The court, however, disagreed with Ventura ordering he serve his 24 month probation and 120 hours of community service. Judge David Sawyer stated on the case, "They're not very big plants and they're not mature plants, but the statute doesn't address that. It just says plants."

Mike Rola

Ron Kalanquin

Tim Turkelson

Political Wins and Raid Losses This Summer

by Ben Horner

Lapeer County Prosecutor Tim Turkelson and Sheriff Ron Kalanquin both incumbents lost their reelection bids for the republican nominations. These two are well known for their hard-line stance against all medical marijuana activity in their county. Patients and caregivers are hoping that their replacements will show more compassion and stop the focus on marijuana users and redirect their efforts on the opiate, heroin and meth problems in the county. The initiative to legalize cannabis in Lapeer lost by just 5 votes in 2014, and this recent change in top enforcers could signal that Lapeer has finally overcome their reefer madness.

Otsego County Prosecutor, Mike Rola was also upset in the primary election this last August. Mike Rola is known for his draconian persecution of dispensaries in Gaylord, Michigan. Brennan Curran will most likely replace him next year signally to the leaders in the county that Medical Marijuana is not a top law enforcement priority and to leave the dispensaries alone. Last Year Gaylord passed a Marijuana Provisioning Ordinance and has several dispensaries currently operating. This victory came about because of the efforts of the Cannabis Stakeholders Group, Chad Marrow, and Al Witt and with support from Jolene Fowler, Danna Carver, Steve Sanders and Don Koshmider.

Don Koshmider

Peter O'Tooles and the Seed-To-Cure Family

However, the Michigan State Police (MSP) with multi-jurisdictional drug task forces TNT and SANE have not gotten the message. On July 11th, the home and business of Don Koshmider was raids by TNT and MSP. Don was arrested, charged, then after a huge showing of support at a pretrial hearing, the charges where dropped. As expected, the charges were reissued and Don is now facing life in prison because they found a small handful of ammunition in his house that belonged to his wife's ex-husband. Don Koshmider has been helping patients for several years and has been attending many local town hall meetings and providing court support for raid victims throughout the state. He is hoping when he goes to trial those he supported around the state will have his back.

SANE raided the home of Peter O'Toole, creator of Seed-To-Cure, which is a not for profit group of patients and caregivers dedicated to helping seriously ill patients with concentrated hash oil, also known as Simpson oil. The home was located on the Bois Blanc Island and contained two gardens. Patients' critical medicine was seized, as well as growing equipment. Homeland Security, the Coast Guard, as well as Mackinac county Sheriffs and MSP where all needed to hit this family's home. With all the people that he has helped over the years Uncle Pete feels confident that they will win if charges are filed.

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National News

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Smokin' Sex

NEW YORK: Researcher Joseph Palamar and his colleagues at New York University have started a project to answer one of the many questions that have come forward since marijuana began to increase in popularity publicly: How does marijuana affect our sex lives? The study enlisted 24 heterosexual adults to conduct in-depth interviews about previous sexual experiences that took place under the influence of either marijuana or alcohol. The group of individuals involved in the project do not represent a national sample, but instead operate as a qualitative assessment group to gather the different effects of alcohol and marijuana on sexual behaviors and use this information as a "jumping-off" point for future quantitative research.

According to the *Cannabist*, the researchers were able to draw some conclusions from their interviews; beer goggles are real – the more beer a person consumes the lower their standards for a partner became, in terms of both character and appearance, it is also more associated with having sex with a stranger. However with marijuana, subjects were more likely to bed someone they already knew. They also found drunk sex more often leads to feelings of regret while stoned sex does not, but this could relate to the idea that more drunk sex happens between strangers. Another finding was that drunk sex can make a person sick or have other non-desirable physical effects, but stoned sex appears to have more mental effects, such as less motivation or becoming distracted.

Finally the study found that not only is stoned sex more pleasurable, as alcohol can often "numb sensations", but that is could also be safer as participants reported feeling more in control while stoned vs. being drunk. The study also found a small link between alcohol and sexual assault, while other studies have found a similar link, they have also found that there are lower instances of domestic violence between couples who smoke marijuana. Overall the first assessment group has given an idea that marijuana increases pleasure and comes with lower-risk sexual behavior when compared with alcohol.

Blue Ribbon Plants

OREGON: The Oregon state fair is at the end of August and will have some new displays this year, including award-winning marijuana plants. The plants will be held in a private exhibit hall, open to fair go-ers over the age of 21, by the Oregon Cannabis Business Council. The only plants that will be allowed this year will be those without flowers, this is because current laws in the state only allow non-flowering plants to be displayed in public by medical patients, and also so security will not have to worry about visitors trying to steal free samples.

This will be the first state fair in the US to feature marijuana as a display. Denver has held a judged marijuana contest in the past but it was held off-site and only photos were displayed at the actual fair. Ribbons for the plants will be awarded based on color, structure, pruning, and spatial noding. Don Morse, head of the Oregon Cannabis Council, says, "This is celebrating the plant as Oregon's newest fall crop." He has also stated that the contest is not to promote marijuana use, but to educate residents on the "newest agricultural sector".

#YouAreScrewed

KENTUCKY: Police in Grayson County found 254 marijuana plants, worth about $600,000, with no owner last month. They kindly confiscated the crop and have released a catchy hashtag to call out to the owner(s) and inform them where their missing pot has gone to. The hashtag, #WeGotYoWeed, sprung up to taunt the growers and deputies have stated that the owner is more than welcome to claim their crop by giving the sheriff a call. Sheriff of the County, Norman Chaffins, said, "We know there's a lot more plants out there, and people have mixed feelings about marijuana grows and whether marijuana should be legal or not. But it's currently illegal in the state of Kentucky and we'll continue to enforce those drug laws." Law enforcement found the grow operation after officers received an anonymous tip, and are asking for anyone with information on the garden's caretaker to come forward.

Don't Take Candy from Strangers

OHIO: Police in Butler are searching for a man they believe was handing out marijuana-laced candy at a music rap festival on the first weekend in August. No fatalities were reported, but 24 people were treated for "overdoses" after consuming the edibles. The candy was bagged and thrown into the crowd. There were about 20 pieces of candy in each bag and were clearly marked as "prescribed medibles". Richland County Sheriff's Department Spokesperson, Maj. Joe Masi, claims the candy had a "very, very high dose of THC" in each piece. While that may be fine for heavy users, many of the people who ended up with the candy are not regular users of marijuana and some ate the entire bag causing them to have a major, undesired reactions. Officials are still looking for the man who threw the candy into the crowd for distributing an illegal substance.

Prohibiting Marijuana Businesses -Before They Even Exist

OHIO: The new medical marijuana law, set to take effect at the beginning of September, has already run into some problems in certain cities. A few cities in the state have passed a six-month moratorium on licensing marijuana businesses, and several others are considering passing the same ban in their communities. The areas that have already passed the postponement claim they are not necessarily opposed to having the businesses in their city, they are just buying more time to decide if they should consider additional laws.

Ohio's new medical marijuana law requires three government agencies to set up the regulation and licensing process and will most likely not be able to even license any new businesses within the next six months. The first deadline to have this process set up is not until May 2017. The law will allow patients to buy and use medical marijuana if they are recommended by a doctor for at least one of the twenty qualifying ailments. While the law already stops pot businesses from being within 500 feet of a school, church, public library, public playground, or public park, it also allows townships and cities to prohibit marijuana businesses within their limits, but cannot prohibit patient use. Though the cities are passing six-month moratoriums, many officials say the first marijuana businesses are unlikely to be licensed for at least another year.

MJ Smoking may Surpass Cigarettes among Americans

NATIONWIDE:A new Gallup poll, released early last month, has found the number of adults admitting to using marijuana has nearly doubled since 2013. When the first poll was conducted three years ago, only about 7 percent of adults reported marijuana use. When Gallup asked again this year, however, that number almost doubled to 13 percent. This means around 33 million American adults use marijuana. According to *The Washington Post*, there are about 40 million cigarette smokers in the US, and those numbers have been decreasing. This means marijuana use could surpass cigarette use in a few years.

There could be many factors involved as to why the numbers are rising. The social stigma attached to marijuana use has been declining while its legalization in certain states could entice adults to try the high legally. Data from the FBI in 2014, also shows arrest rates for possession are at record-highs, at least 1,700 per day.

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World News

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Prison Plants

AUSTRALIA: The operators of a privately-run correctional facility have a lot of explaining to do after 28 marijuana plants were found growing in the center's vegetable patch. Minister for Corrections, Steve Herbert, said he would like to know how the plants came to be grown in the center and why they were not found earlier. Corrections commissioner Jan Shuard has requested a report from the GEO about the circumstances surrounding the incident. Shuard says, "Maintaining a safe environment for prisoners, and the security of the prison, is what the contractor is required to do. They've been asked to explain how this occurred within their prison [and] we will then determine whether or not they have met the standards to operate that prison." The latest incident has many officials questioning whether private operators should be running correctional facilities for profit.

Possession of 'Indian Hemp'

AFRICA: Agness Chisale, 26, was arrested last month by Malawi Police in Kasungu. Chisale was found to be carrying 3 bags of cannabis, also known in the area as Indian hemp, when she was stopped at Chisazima Road Block by officers conducting search duties. Authorities said the bags and their contents will be sent to Chitedze Research facility for analysis. The suspect will remain in custody until the analysis comes back and will most likely be charged with "Found in Possession of Indian Hemp without a License."

Toronto Raids Continue

CANADA: Police in Toronto are continuing their crackdown on illegal marijuana storefronts in the city, raiding three more dispensaries last month. Six men were arrested after the raids were conducted on two dispensaries known as S.W.E.D. and one called Section 56. Nearly 9.78 kilograms of marijuana and $15,841 in cash were seized from the businesses. Police began their raids in May on 43, so far, of the up to 100 dispensaries in the city resulting in ninety people facing either drug or zoning charges. While the new Liberal government is still considering legalization for next year, police claim their raids are to protect the public from products that have not been tested or declared safe for public consumption. The Globe and Mail conducted an investigation into some dispensaries, sending nine samples to be tested in a lab. The investigation found that a third of the samples would flunk Health Canada's safety standards for medical marijuana and they contained bacteria or potentially harmful mold. Police say the raids will continue, especially on dispensaries that "prompt public complaints or reports of sales to minors".

Diesel Dank

MOROCCO: Police at the Tangiers-Med port were able to prevent 244 kg of hashish from being smuggled into Europe last month. The illegal drug was housed in diesel containers and only found once the truck they were being transported in was scanned. The truck was registered in Morocco and driven by a 66 year old Moroccan citizen. The driver was taken into custody while the investigation is ongoing. Police in the area claim this is just another victory in their attempt to fight international drug trafficking.

Legalization could be coming to Italy

ITALY: The Chamber of Deputies met in late July to discuss cannabis legalization. The discussion focus will be on a bill called *Intergruppo Parlamentare Cannabis Legale*. The bill calls for the decriminalization of possession of up to 15 grams for recreational use at home, and 5 grams for recreational use outside the home. Citizens would be able to grow up to five plants for personal use only while the government would allow for cannabis clubs to be opened and licensed for up to 50 members. Certain companies would also be licensed to produce and sell marijuana but it would remain illegal to import or export the drug as well as driving under the influence or using in public areas. Senator Della Vedova explains her support of the bill saying, "Prohibitionist policies have failed in their impossible aim to eliminate the use of drugs and have not reduced the illegal market for cannabis. Instead, organized crime has controlled the whole chain: production, processing, and sales. By legalizing cannabis, the State would cut off substantial income from organized crime and transfer the illegal profits to the State budget."

Growing Allowed in NSW

AUSTRALIA: New South Wales became the first state in the country to be allowed to grow marijuana. The state was issued a license by the federal government as part of research to find the best way to cultivate the plant. The government believes this step will "lay foundations for private growers to supply medical marijuana". The state will also be conducting clinical trials to find the efficacy of marijuana for treating certain illnesses. The medication for those trials will be supplied by Canadian and British companies. The state will house their grow operation at a high security facility with strict regulations. The Minister for Medical Research, Pru Goward, has stated he would like to make New South Wales "a global leader in medical cultivation and research" and is hoping the $21 million committed to the research of medical cannabis will result in "proven, standardized, and legal pharmaceutical cannabis products that can be trusted". Victoria and Tasmania plan to have medical marijuana legalized in their states by next year, though both will have different conditions to qualify patients for the drug.

Don't Jail Users, Help Them

PHILIPPINES: A group of pastors, from various denominations, have formed a counselling group in Tabuk City, Kalinga, called Shalom Kalinga, in an attempt to help drug abusers. The group focuses on people that turn themselves in to police without having to be brought in against their will. The group is still fairly new and is searching for more professional volunteers to serve as psychologists, psychiatrists, and lawyers. The Kalinga Police Provincial Office has had nearly 1,000 people surrender since the beginning of the group. Governor Jocel Baac stated earlier this year that reasonable assistance will be offered to anybody willing to reform and become productive citizens. Authorities have also issued a statement to operators of marijuana grow sites in Mount Chumanchill, urging them to surrender and attempt alternative methods of farming for their livelihood.

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MI Legalize Makes its Last Stand

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Now with those stupid caregivers tied up with MI Legalize, we can unite our justice league friends and get rid of home cultivation for good!

by Ben Horner

The MI Legalize campaign lost their case to reverse a decision by the state Board of Canvassers regarding the 180 day ruling for signature gathering. The Michigan Court of claims agreed with the decision that rejected approximately 200K signatures which were collected after the deadline for petition circulators to complete and turn in their petition. MI Legalize board members made a decision in November of last year to continue past the 180-day window and join the Committee to Ban Fracking to challenge the current petitioning rules on constitutional grounds. Unlike the Committee to Ban Fracking, MI legalize continued to fund raise and raised over a million dollars in 18 months. The campaigns leadership vows to take the suit to the Supreme Court and is defending attacks from activists that say this strategy to ignore election laws and misdirect resources is counter-productive to real legalization.

"These were very well-intentioned people, good-hearted but very naive — they really needed much more money and much sooner to pull this off" Tim Beck from Coalition for a Safer Michigan told the *Detroit Free Press*. Beck worked with the Michigan Responsibility Council to explore a plan to work with the Michigan legislature to create a state controlled six-company cultivation monopoly, which would replace the caregiver system as the source of cannabis for dispensaries throughout Michigan.

Board Member of MI Legalize Rick Thompson and Jamie Lowell, formally of the Michigan Association of Compassion Centers (MACC), worked aggressively to take control of MI Legalize from the beginning of the groups creation. Lowell and Thompson work for dispensaries and have used their media platforms and grass-roots lobbying to represent what they call the "Michigan Cannabis Community." They pressed the board to bring on Nick Zettell, formerly chair of U of M Students for a Sensible Drug Policy and organizer of the Speakers for the Ann Arbor Hash Bash. Zettell worked with Lowell and Darrel Stavros, owner of Third Coast Compassion Club to arrange the speakers at Hash Bash. Several disgruntled marijuana activists questioned why the campaign paid Zettell twenty-one thousand dollars to be the Deputy Campaign Manager. Zettell, who had no previous experience running petitioning campaigns, spent over a year working part time for the campaign.

"For 12 months I oversaw the organization of volunteers, organized and hosted fund-raisers, sent daily e-mail blasts, organized petition drop-offs and pick-ups. I organized regional circulating teams. Secured presence at concerts/festivals/events, and of course

MI Legalize board members Chuck Ream and Nick Zettell

petitioned my ass off." Defended Nick Zettell, who was backed up by fellow board members that have testified to his tremendous service to the campaign.

Professional campaign strategists know that in order to bring an issue to the ballot box, very particular rules pertaining to the layout and content of a petition, the way the signatures are written and verified, and timely filing is needed to guaranty that all the money and resources invested pay off. Attorney Jeff Hank, MI Legalize drafter and Chairman, has taken a huge gamble on challenging the system for petitioning itself and betting the resources garnered from mostly small donors across the state on his argument that the rules are just unconstitutional, even though this issue was settled in 1982 and again in 1986, Consumers Power v. Attorney General and Citizens for Capital Punishment v. Secretary of State.

MI Legalize board member Debra Young explains, "This was not unexpected. Even if we would have gotten a favorable ruling from the Court of Claims, the State would certainly file an appeal. We have been prepared to adjudicate this before the Michigan Supreme Court

MI Legalize board member Debra Young

VGIP (Continued)

Michael McShane, Medical Marijuana Patient Advocate

and are certain we will prevail. We are confident the Court will hear our plea. This is really so much more than just Cannabis reform, it's a voter suppression issue and there have been several cases similar that have gotten favorable rulings just in the last couple of weeks. MI Legalize is committed to following this through."

Michal McShane, patient activist disagrees. "It (MI Legalize) was an underhanded opportunity to hijack the Marijuana Industry in Michigan. The same tactics are being used all over the US and being disguised as patriotic freedom. The facts are these laws put more people at risk of persecution than currently exist. There are a bunch of lawyers in the game that have no intention to help out anybody but themselves."

Jamie Lowell and Rick Thompson joined us backstage at the High Times Country Fair in Clio Michigan this August. Darrel Stavros, Lowell's business partner, was working with the musicians as manager and sponsor and we covered the backstage with John Sinclair, Dan Skye the editor of *High Times*, Danny Danko, and many others. Lowell used his time on the stage to give away one of the awards to plug MI Legalize and ask for more money for the campaign. People in the crowd asked, "Is it to pay for Mr. Thompson's rent", which led to a burst of laughter in the crowd. Rick and Jamie are members or participants in the many small to large sized groups involved in cannabis throughout the state, including MI Norml, Hash Bash and the Monroe Street Fair, National Patient Rights Association, Ann Arbor and Detroit Cannabis Gild, Grannies for Grass, Parents for Pot, and many others. Lowell and Thompson have a weekly blog talk radio show called *Planet Green Trees* with Attorney Michael Komorrn from the Michigan Medical Marijuana Association (MMMA). Many local activists, lawyers, and business owners that appear on the show include what they refer to as the "Community."

MI legalize board member and owner of Third Coast Compassion Club Jamie Lowell, medical marijuana patient advocate Constance Taylor, musican Laith Al-Saadi, medical marijuana patient advocate Big T, owner of Third Coast Compassion Club Darrell Stavros, writer poet and High Times life time achievement winner John Sinclair and editor of High Times and MC Dan Skye.

September 9th is the deadline to send information to the ballot printers for the 2016 election in Michigan. It is unlikely MI Legalize will be considered in time to make the ballot this year, but if they win like the loyal board members hope, then legalization could be on the 2018 ballot. However, even if they did win the appeal to the Supreme Court, the board of Canvassers have yet to validate the signatures against the list of registered votes and according to third party validation, the validity rate is below the 70% mark needed to have enough valid signatures to make the ballot.

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FREE THE WEED 66

A Column by John Sinclair

Highest greetings from the northeastern sector of Detroit, where I'm visiting with my daughter Sunny and my granddaughter Beyonce for the next few weeks since returning from my summer in Amsterdam. I'd like to thank once again the people at Sensi Seeds for putting me up in one of their lavish guest apartments at the beginning and end of my stay, and to my man Tariq Khan for taking me in at his pad in the Heesterveld Creative Community in the Bijlmer for all the days in between. That was really sweet.

Now I'm back in the U.S.A. in the middle of the toxic waste dump called the presidential election season, trying to get mentally prepared for either the best—our first female president—or the worst, which would be the installation of Mr. "You're Fired" in the White House.

This reminds me of the fall of 1991, 25 years ago, when I moved from Detroit to New Orleans in time for the historic gubernatorial race that pitted former Democratic governor Eddie Edwards—known as "the crook"—against popular Ku Klux Klan candidate David Duke. I say popular because Duke, running as a Republican, was deeply beloved by the white people of Louisiana and ended up with 58% of all Caucasian votes for governor.

Fortunately the City of New Orleans and its mayor, Marc Morial, now director of the National Urban League, mobilized an incredible percentage of the Democratic voters in the city—in some precincts 88 to 90%—to register and vote for Edwards, bringing the statewide total to the point where Duke was driven back into relative oblivion.

What a relief! This guy David Duke, who celebrates 4/20 every year as Adolph Hitler's birthday, has done a lot of goofy things in the past 25 years. Now he's running as the Republican candidate for Senator in Louisiana and has roundly endorsed Donald Trump for president. Trump acted like he didn't know who Duke was, and took a while to say maybe he wasn't exactly looking to the KKK for support.

This is what we're up against: as if Ronald Reagan wasn't bad enough, a mediocre actor who could play the B-movie role of President of the United States to perfection, now we've got a candidate who played The Boss on the most popular reality television show of the past 10 years and amassed a fanatical following of people into whose living rooms he's been invited week after week for more than 500 times.

I guess what we'll see in November is whether there are more reality television addicts casting their votes for The Boss than intelligent citizens—whether Democrats or Republicans—that want someone in charge who knows what she's doing. Me, I'm one of those people who Bill Schuette is fighting that always votes straight Democratic, and I'll be doing that once again on November 1st.

I've always been quite a bit to the left of the Democratic party, but never to its right. I'm more of a democratic socialist, like Bernie Sanders, and it was quite a thrill to see Senator Sanders drum up such a massive groundswell of support for the principles of economic democracy and comprehensive government service to the populace.

If we're lucky, the young people who were attracted to the Sanders campaign and continue to fight for his positions within the Democratic platform for the coming election will maintain their interest in changing our political system during the four years before the next presidential contest. Usually some good ideas come out during an election cycle, but they go away for four years until the next go-around. Maybe this time it will be different, but who knows?

What does all this gibberish have to do with freeing the weed? Well, first of all, the reason we're still being persecuted by the federal government and more than half the states for smoking weed is because we've consistently elected the wrong people into office. They can only flim-flam us as long as we agree to keep returning these numbskulls to the legislative and judicial seats they've occupied for so long. Put in some people who think and feel as we do and you'll have a different country to live in.

I'd like to say here how much I've enjoyed having our first African-American president for the past eight years. I've always wanted to have a black president and I wish he could stay for eight years more, but it will be kicks to replace him with our first female president and witness her progress in maintaining and extending the progressive elements of the Democratic administration.

From my point of view, the one good thing about Donald Trump's idiotic campaign is that it may well have the very positive effect of blocking the Republican party's domination of both houses of the legislature through a resounding rejection of The Boss and his stablemates in the GOP by the voting public. This would return our democratic system to some semblance of balance and allow the executive to get some of its initiatives enacted into law.

In my long lifetime I've never witnessed anything like the Republican obstruction of every presidential initiative by the hated Obama for every day of his eight-year reign. Our democratic legislative system,

bad enough in practice under the best of conditions, has been completely stymied by the GOP obstructionists and has frozen our country's progress in many ways.

Again, from my personal point of view, a lot of good things have happened just the same, like the movement toward an actual comprehensive health care system, the recognition and regularization of relations with Cuba, the pardoning of hundreds of drug prisoners, the attempt to develop a humane immigration policy.

But here's the question: why hasn't the president, known in college as "The Interceptor" for his practice of moving himself up in the toking order to get a few more puffs in a group setting—why hasn't this guy acted to bring the federal war on marijuana to a shuddering conclusion? Why are we still waiting for this dumb shit to end? And will it be any different when another notorious student pot smoker, Hillary Clinton, comes into office? What's wrong with these people? FREE THE WEED!

In closing, I'd like to send a word of greeting to the people from High Times magazine who have decided to present a series of Cannabis Cup events in Clio, Michigan, just outside of my home town of Flint, including the one I'm getting ready to attend this weekend as a guest of my friend Laith al Saadi, the powerful guitarist and singer from Ann Arbor who's headlining he celebration.

As the one and only High Priest of the Cannabis Cup (Amsterdam, 1998) and recipient of the High Times Lifetime Achievement Award (Detroit, 2011) for my 50 years of marijuana legalization activism, I've felt slighted that the organizers have never even extended an invitation for me to attend their event in my home town, and I had to invite myself into Laith's band for this appearance so I could be even a small part of the proceedings. One always hopes for more from people like this, but so what? I'll be there anyway. And I'll say it again:

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The Fenton Hydro Family Moves to a Bigger House

by Ben Horner

After Five years of serving loyal growers in Fenton, Michigan, Fenton Hydroponics is moving to a bigger location on Leroy Street two miles from their original location. Owner of Fenton Hydro, Brian Hass (AKA "Big Haas") and I met on a road trip to Gaylord with none other the Red Wings Legend, Darren McCarty. That day I had the chance to try some of Big Haas' primo meds with Darren and learn how they became close. Darren came up to the store to support the Fenton Hydro family and reminisce.

Detroit-based internet cannabis show, *Motor City High* hosted by Damien DiStefano was the first to introduce Darren to Big Haas and myself. Darren, new to the medical cannabis world, was eager to have a supportive group of friends to learn and share with. Readers can watch the videos on You Tube and see these guys on the screen. McCarty made a major lifestyle change when he became a MMJ patient, and people like Damien and Big Haas became part of his new circle of friends. When Darren heard that the Fenton Hydro family was moving he insisted on being there for the grand opening.

Recently, I met Chris George, the store manager, Mike and PJ, Brian and his lovely wife Cassandra, who make up the core of the Fenton Hydro family, at the new location. "Yes, this location is much bigger," Big Haas explained with a sigh. "But it's not just that. The old store is in a strip that has some other businesses that preferred we move out. I guess we just didn't fit in there." Anyone involved in the MMJ world knows how judgmental some people can be. Sometimes we may lose some close-minded friends and family but we gain new ones, and sometimes we must seek out new neighbors that a more tolerant. This is just how things go.

The Grand opening will be on October 22nd at the new location on Leroy. Big Haas, Darren and the rest of the Fenton Hydroponics team are inviting everyone to come and celebrate their move. Breakfast will be served at 10am and early bird 30% percent off all items will run till noon, afterwards everything is 25% off. Live remote broadcast by 103.5 the Fox radio; Raffle and giveaways, free food and dozens of vendors will make for an eventful day. Representatives from Advanced Nutrients, Techno Floral, Heavy 16, Emerald Harvest, RX Green Solutions, Sun Supply and many more will be on-site to teach everyone about their cutting edge products.

The new store will also be providing MMJ doctor certifications, head shop, classes, as well as all the products you might need. The MMM report will be at the Grand Opening party taking pictures of all the friends and family of Fenton Hydro, new and old. Come out and meet Darren McCarty.

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by Daniel L. Price, Esq.

I wish to remind all concerned once again that a concerted effort has long been underway to undermine the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act ("MMMA"). Unfortunately, it's not just that medical marijuana patients and caregivers alike are being treated as less than human by our State's law enforcement and prosecutors. Nor is it just that the Michigan State Police ("MSP") Crime Labs are being apparently ordered to falsify drug test results. Nor is it simply that the Michigan legislature enacted a law which allows police to force you to take a saliva test, simply because you hold a LARA Card. To be sure, police and narcotics units have actually been creating criminal activity where none exists.

A case out of Oakland County, MI (People v. Carruthers), a couple years ago is a good example of how this is happening. The case was a medical marijuana case in which law enforcement forged a LARA CARD, driver's license, and even a check they stated was written to LARA to show they had obtained all their documents legally. In that case, the dispensary even required patients to sign a membership agreement saying they promised to comply with the act and certifying they were a patient with valid documents. Law enforcement forged documents solely in order to purchase medical marijuana and "create" a crime where none had existed.

Still, that case, and presumably many, many others, were created by government actors in order to violate the freedoms of those who they do not like, namely, medical marijuana patients. Further, even if every case of this kind is ultimately dismissed, it wreaks havoc on patients. They are still subject to losing their homes, automobiles, cash, and other property. Moreover, the legal fees for a patient or caregiver to defend an action like this can easily exceed $10,000.00 to $50,000.00, depending on the individual case. Unfortunately, unlike government actors, patients and caregivers cannot simply force the public to pay for their defense. At the same time, government actors can simply force the public to pay higher taxes to fund their creating criminals and then prosecuting those otherwise law abiding citizens.

I ask of you: Is this in your interest?; Is this for your safety?; Is this for your good?; Does this increase your happiness and welfare? If you answered no to any one of these questions, you have recognized that we have a problem in Michigan with government actors cannibalizing our freedoms. This type of government activity is yet another example of government actors who suffer from PASY (Parasitic Anthropophagy Syndrome), and who make and enforce laws based upon their personal biases and prejudices, rather than the ideals of freedom upon which our great country was formed. But how can this problem be solved?

As always, VOTE! But more importantly, your vote cannot be for legislators, judges, police chiefs and sheriffs who promise to give you something at the expense of others. The vote must be for those who promise to defend your freedom, no matter who you are, or what your beliefs. This is the cure for PASY. In fact, this is the only cure for PASY.

However, if we voters here in Michigan continue to vote for those afflicted with PASY, it is us who are to blame for the insanity of government actors who fraudulently make us criminals in order to both gain financially by using forfeiture, and to continue their biases and bigotry. In regard to freedom, nothing has changed, freedom is not free. One must think, speak, and act to defend one's freedom. Remember, the denial of your freedom takes no action, you need only keep silent and do nothing while you are made a criminal, or keep voting for those who promise to deny you your freedom.

As always, till next month, keep rolling on.

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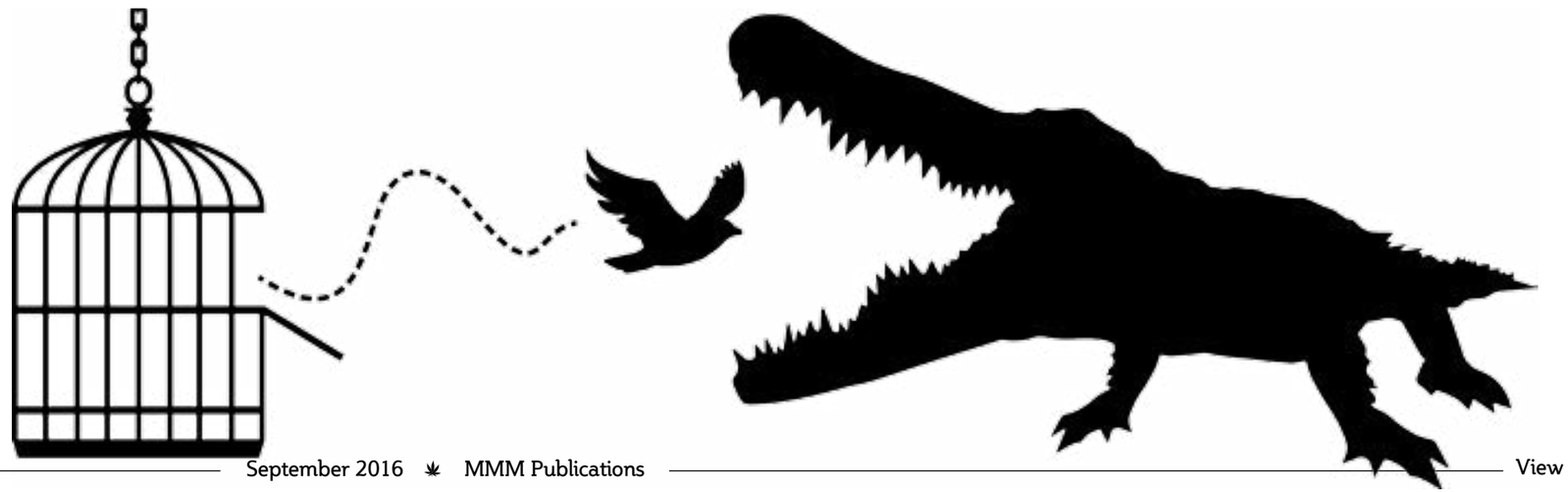

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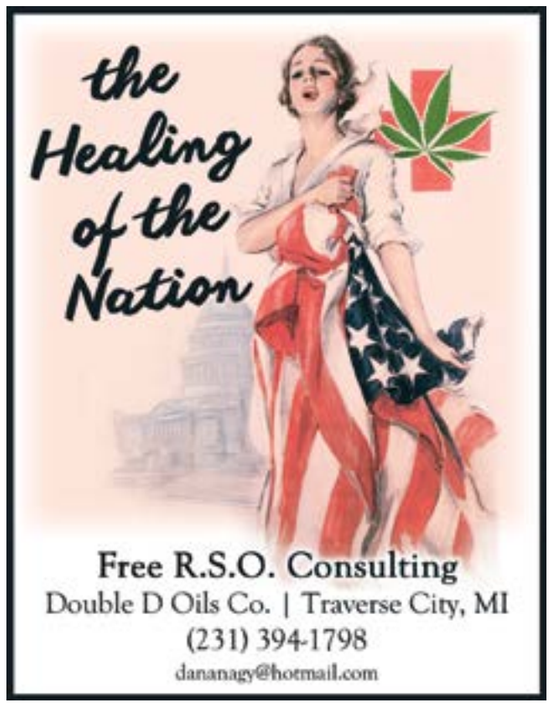
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Grow Tip

by Ben Horner

Organic Mite and Mold Killer

Finally an organic solution is available that tackles two of the biggest nightmares for growers in Michigan, powdery mildew and mites. Micro sniper is 100% organic and made in Michigan. We recently field-tested the Micro Sniper on some plants that had some powdery mildew, which is extremely common in Michigan. The results were amazing. Never have we seen mites eliminated with an organic product. It compares to products like Eagle 20 and Azamax, which unlike Micro Sniper, are not safe for patients or made from natural ingredients. Last Month we tackled a powdery mildew problem and this month we tried it on some plants with a mite infestation. The experiment proved the claim that Micro Sniper Works on both of these pest. It really works.

This product was designed by top-level biochemists and is just hitting the market. Having and all-in-one product, to handle mites and powdery mildew is the perfect preventative maintenance (PM), and unlike PM Wash, Mighty Wash and many others, this shit actually works. Although Micro Sniper is one of the few products that are safe to use on plants that are late in flower, it's always better to stop problems using PM before they start. Results are clearly visible using the Dino scope magnifier. With in minutes of the application the white spots of powdery mildew, begin to die and dissipate. All the remains of a lite shadow of the mildew stain and no further mildew spots form in the following week.

Mites killed and bodies dissolving after one application of Micro Sniper

One drawback about Micro Sniper is that it does not come in a ready–to-use (RTU) spray bottle. The produce promise to have more sizes and RTU. We will be field testing the Micro Sniper on mites for next months issue as well as runnig lab tests for residual pestasides.

Tips:

• We recommend using a spray bottle with a rotating angular nosle for getting to the underside of the plant.

• Don't apply Micro Sniper in direct light sunlight or under hot grow lights. The light could burn the leaves.

• Maintain a consistant PM schedule and spray your girls down when they are young and reapply before flowering to prevent any problems before they start.

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MMM...Recipes

Peanut Butter Canna-bars

Ingredients

1 cup canna-butter (melted)
2 cups confectioner's sugar
2 cups crumbled graham crackers
1.5 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup peanut butter
4 tbsp. additional peanut butter

Directions

Mix the canna butter, sugar, graham crackers, and 1 cup of peanut butter in a mixing bowl until thoroughly blended. Place and press down into an ungreased 9 x 13 baking pan. Next, take a double boiler to melt the chocolate chips and 4 tbsp. of peanut butter. Stir every two minutesensuring it comes out smooth and well-blended. Spread this mixture over the mixture in the baking pan, subsequently placing your concoction in the refrigerator for 1.5 to 2 hours.

Canna-Cakes (Pancakes)

Ingredients

1 egg
1 1/4 cups milk
2 tablespoons weed-induced oil or butter
1 1/4 cups flour
2 teaspoons sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions

Beat egg, milk and oil or butter in a large bowl. Mix dry ingredients, then add to egg mixture and beat until smooth. Pour 1/3 cup of batter onto heated, greased frying pan for each pancake. When bubbles appear on top of pancakes, it should be ready to flip. You can add chocolate chips, nuts, fruits, berries or anything you like to this batter prior to cooking.

Pico De Ganja Nachos

Ingredients

2 red tomatoes
1 green tomato
1 jalapeno/or serrano pepper
1 jumbo sweet onion
2 minced cloves of garlic
3 tbsp. beer (a light beer like Bud or Corona)
3 tbsp. THC oil
3 tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1/2 bag tortilla chips
1 ripe avocado

Directions

Preheat the over to 350°F.
Dice the tomatoes, the onion and the jalapeno. Add to the food processor. Then add the garlic, a splash of beer, the lemon juice and the THC oil. Pulse 2 or 3 times to combine, keeping the texture chunky.
To make a batch of nachos, spread out the half-bag of chips, cover it with cheese and add several heaping spoonfuls of the pico de ganja, sprinkled over the chips and cheese. Put it in the oven for about 5 to 10 minutes, until the cheese has melted.
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4 7:07AM 8:07PM George Clinton, Mary Jane Girls, Jalil and Ecstasy, Slick Rick, & Big Daddy Kane Freedom Hill	5 7:08AM 8:05PM Happy Birthday Jack Daniel!	6 7:09AM 8:03PM	7 7:10AM 8:01PM	8 7:11AM 8:00PM Iguana Awareness Day	9 7:12AM 7:58PM Sick of It All The Majestic Café, Detroit	10 7:13AM 7:56PM Slayer, Anthrax, and Death Angel Freedom Hill
11 7:14AM 7:54PM Saliva Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo, MI, US	12 7:15AM 7:52PM Video Games Day	13 7:16AM 7:51PM Mutoid Man Pyramid Scheme Grand Rapids	14 7:17AM 7:49PM Crobot Machine Shop Flint	15 7:19AM 7:47PM Happy Birthday Sommer Ray!	16 7:20AM 7:45PM Harvest Moon	17 7:21AM 7:44PM Laith Al-Saadi The Fillmore Detroit
18 7:22AM 7:42PM Happy Birthday Xzibit!	19 7:23AM 7:40PM	20 7:24AM 7:38PM	21 7:25AM 7:36PM	22 7:26AM 7:35PM Autumnal Equinox	23 7:27AM 7:33PM	24 7:28AM 7:31PM 13TH MMM CONFERENCE
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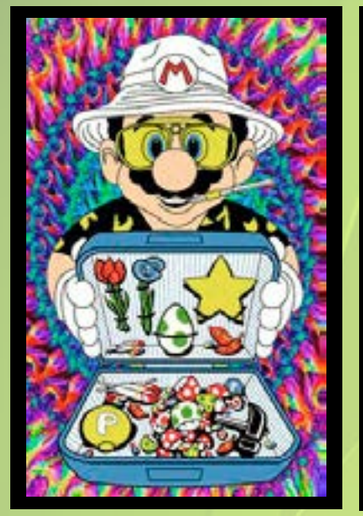

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AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19

Aquarius is creative and unpredictable in everything including appearance, which explains your obsession with cat-fishing online love interests. You know as well as everyone else that if they ever met you in person, they'd run screaming for the hills.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

Pisceans love to create new things and innovate new ideas, too bad all of yours suck. No one lets you lead because you're sure to walk yourself and your followers right off of a cliff.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20

Your dominating characteristics often work against you. Your possessiveness is the reason why you frequent the county jail and have several restraining orders against you.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY. 21

One of your biggest weaknesses is that you tend to focus on appearance, everyone's except for your own. Too bad chicks aren't into guys with mailman haircuts who wear stained t-shirts.

GEMINI
MAY. 22 - JUNE 21

Gemini born people are extremely inconsistent and they never delve deep into anything. This would explain your girlfriend's inability to achieve an orgasm.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY. 22

Cancer people are said to be extremely intuitive and sentimental, which is why you're always feeling sorry for yourself. You know in your heart of hearts that you'll never amount to anything.

LEO
JULY 23 -AUG. 21

Like most Leos, you are usually lucky in money matters, often having money given to you from unthought-of sources; in short, you're a prostitute. You give the phrase 'bottoms up' a whole new meaning.

VIRGO
AUG. 22 - SEPT. 23

Your hypercritical nature tends to catch others off-guard, so it's not surprising that you don't have any friends. If we wanted to be around a piece of shit, we'd hang out in a toilet.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23

Libras like to be around other people, they are all about partnerships and groups; this is why you love orgies. You've taken more shots to the face than a boxer but that's just in your nature.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

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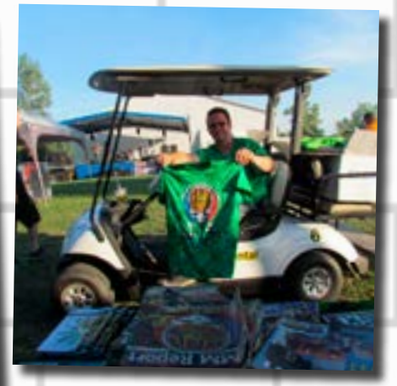

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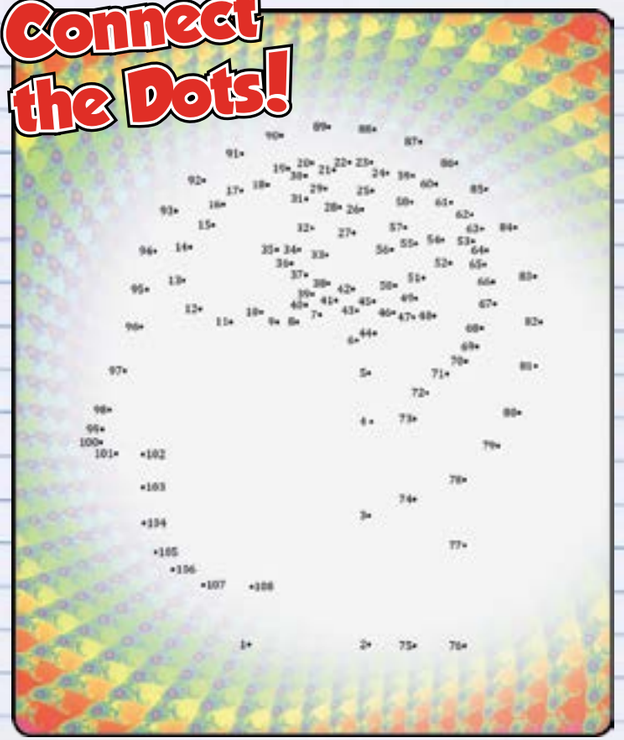

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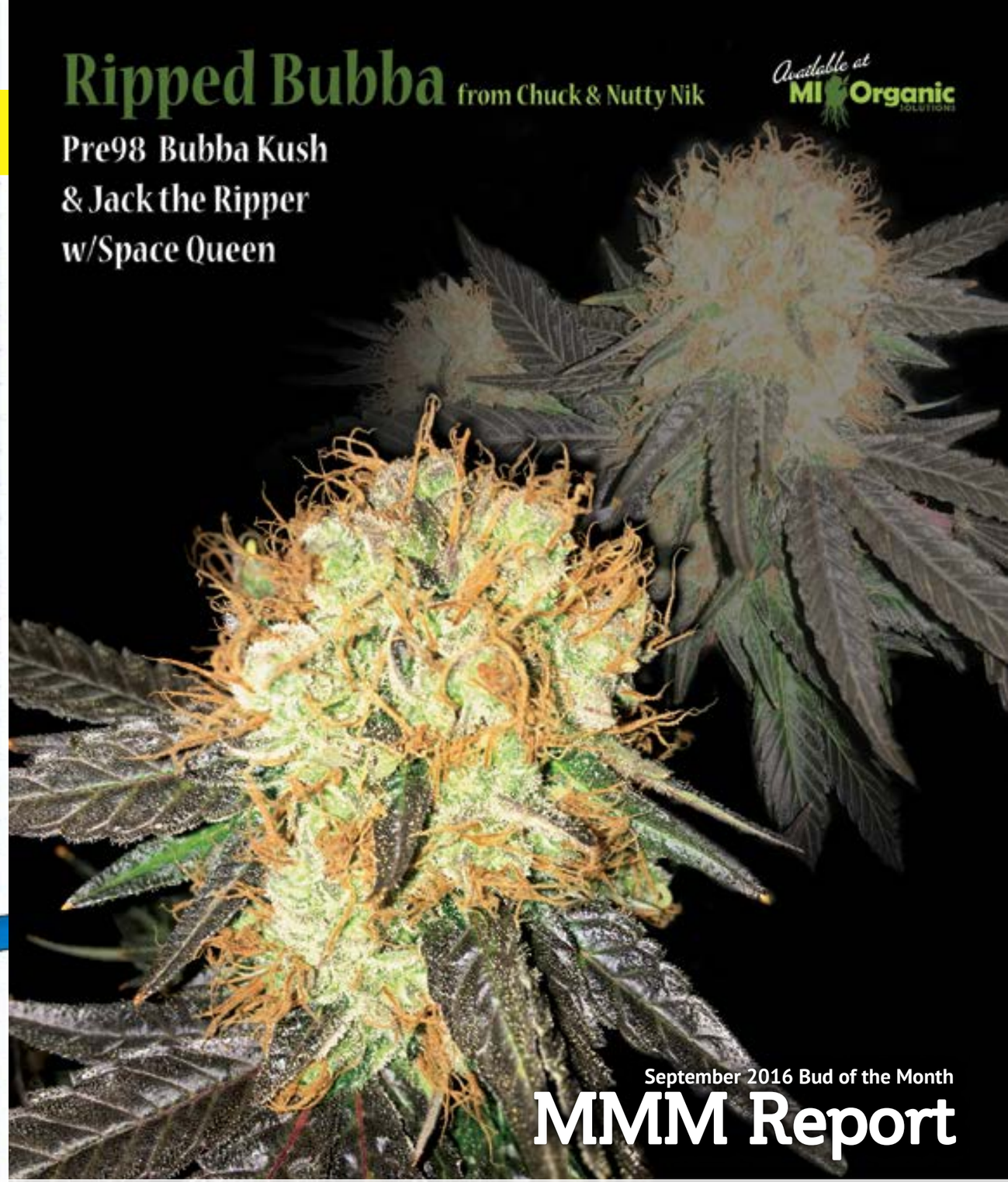

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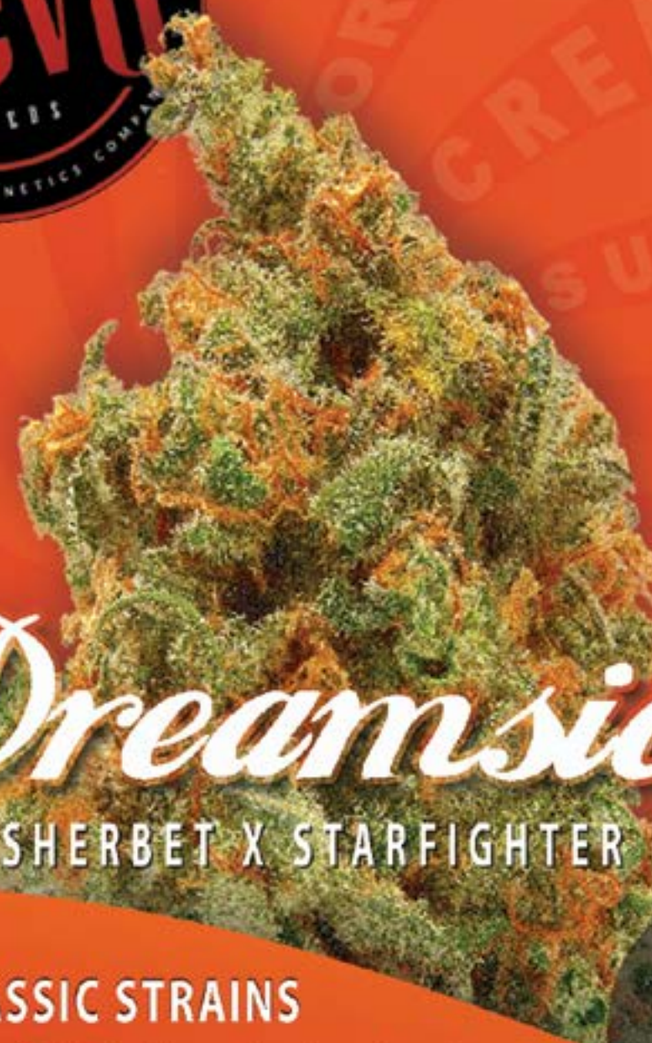

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